



# Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## Waushara County



### *County characteristics*

- 626 square miles
- Lands: Landscape varies from heavy clay soils and abundant surface water on the east end of the county, through rolling with stony features in the central portions of the county, to broad flat expanses of dry sandy soils at the west end of the county.
- Waters: 97 lakes and 196 miles of trout stream including 8 headwaters of high quality trout streams
- Trends: Agriculture, timber, and Christmas tree production, residential and commercial growth due to proximity to Fox Cities and Stevens Point
- Over 23,000 residents live in Waushara County.



### **State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing**

- Over 17,000 acres of state land open to public recreation, including hunting, fishing and trapping

Locate DNR properties at:

[http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_land\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html)

### **Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you**

- 2 Wildlife staff
- 3 Fisheries staff
- 1 Conservation Warden covers 75% of the county
- 1 Lands and Facilities Staff
- 2 Customer Service staff
- **Wautoma office:** 427 E. Tower Drive, Ste. 100
- Staff also serves portions of Marquette and Winnebago Counties.

### **Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars**

- Restore, establish and maintain grassland, savanna, woodland, and wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife species.
- 35 arrests for baiting deer and turkeys; 34 deer donated to the needy (in addition to the statewide venison donation program); annual learn to hunt program; planting trout for kids days
- Control exotic and invasive species such as spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, black locust to assure quality native habitat.
- Manage DNR land by building and maintaining public access areas and posting public lands.
- Monitor wildlife populations - waterfowl, grouse, woodcock,



*Activities continued...*

- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints
- Administer the agricultural wildlife damage program
- Monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Evaluate proposed projects for environmental impacts, work to keep habitats intact and functioning for fish and wildlife
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

### ***Waushara County Conservation Snapshots***

- 2** Boat Launch access sites
- 14** ALIS agents supported
- 6** Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations
  - Numerous stream access sites



### ***Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary***

- Over 10,000 trout stocked
- Coldwater & warmwater fish stocking has been drastically reduced due to budget shortfalls
- Wild Rose fish hatchery produces 1,615,000 fish for the DNR's statewide fish stocking program
- 6 Wildrose Hatchery staff (3 vacancies) produce these fish

### ***County Success Stories***

- Thousands of acres a wide variety of habitat types have been restored and/or preserved. This has been accomplished through the joint efforts of the DNR, various government agencies, non-profit conservation groups, and local citizens.
- Wild Turkeys have been reestablished with support from local organizations and individuals.

### ***Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities***

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
  - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management

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